

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:00 noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am
First Monday of the Month at 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

August 30, 2009 • Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

In 1967, while in my second year of College, I had the opportunity and the privilege to take a course in which we studied the writings of Teilhard de Chardin.

*I share this article from **America Magazine** dated 08/21/09. If you find it of interest, I would encourage you to go to www.teilharddechardin.org and learn more about this man, this Jesuit priest, and his writings.*

"The church seems forever to be embracing those she once held in suspicion. Galileo Galilei, the Italian astronomer, is the most famous among them. But there are others, too, like Thomas Aquinas, Joan of Arc and Ignatius Loyola. The most recent candidate for rehabilitation is the Jesuit paleontologist, evolutionary philosopher and spiritual writer Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Vatican watchers have taken note of Pope Benedict XVI's appeal to Teilhard during an evening prayer service he celebrated on July 24 in Aosta, Italy, as a sign of re-appraisal of the priest and his thought. Citing Teilhard's 'great vision,' Pope Benedict urged that 'we consecrate the world, so it may become a living host,' a



phrase reminiscent of the French Jesuit's Eucharistic theology, in which all creation becomes an offering to God.

Teilhard articulated his vision during an expedition to the Ordos Desert of Inner Mongolia in 1923. Lacking the elements of unleavened bread and wine to celebrate Mass, he composed a poetic prayer, *Mass on the World* (published in *Hymn of the Universe*; Harper, 1961), offering the whole of creation in its evolutionary history as a host to God. Pope Benedict has previously praised the sense of cosmic liturgy in the Eastern Church. His appeal to Teilhard adds the distinctive resonances of the Frenchman's vision: a cosmos evolved over time and increasingly known by scientific investigation; a spiritual process that comes to consciousness in humanity, a humanity whose spirituality is found in activity as well as passivity; and a humanity called not only to live in the world but also to transform it.

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Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
first Monday of the month at 7:00pm;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday from 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation;
begins in high school

*For further information, call Kathleen Bell
at 758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

The Pope's prayer in fact puts emphasis on our obligation to 'transform the world.' In adopting this theme, his thinking seems to have developed along the same trajectory as that of Pope John Paul II. After the Second Vatican Council, both expressed dismay at the optimistic, Teilhardian tone of the *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, with its focus on the cosmic Christ and its affirmation of the transformative power of the resurrection in history. Then-Bishop Karol Wojtyla complained that Christ the redeemer had been eclipsed by Christ in glory. As Pope John Paul II, he revised his opinion in his encyclical *On Social Concern* (1987).

Likewise, Pope Benedict has come to write increasingly of the transformation of the earth as a Christian vocation. He writes in *Charity in Truth*, for example 'Man's earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family' (No. 7).

The pope appears to acknowledge that the kind of sensibility Teilhard possessed belongs to the full flowering of our human nature. To an unexpected degree, he voices trust in the graced capacity of human beings to transform the world and in so doing make it a more fitting offering to God.

Like Teilhard, Pope Benedict reminds us that the world we transform by our labor, our learning and our ingenuity contributes to Christ's great offering of the world to God. The Pope has pointed to an array of problems awaiting solution and transformation: the protection of human life and the environment, the expansion of the 'responsibility to protect' to include provision of food and water for needy populations, and the creation of international structures to regulate speculation in financial markets and govern a global economy. Will American Catholics rise to the occasion, leading our fellow citizens to meet these challenges by taking new initiatives on behalf of the human family? Or will we allow ourselves to fall back, enthralled by the idols of self-aggrandizement and self-amusement that so captivate our culture?

Decline is our civilization's future if recovery from the global fiscal crisis returns to the consumerist pattern of the late 20th-century America. Consumption has its place in creating a floor of material well-being. But after a point it becomes debilitating to the soul and to society. The transformation of the world certainly involves the expansion of markets—not primarily among the affluent, however, but rather among the poor. Furthermore, human creativity needs to be directed by fuller aspirations than improvements in material welfare alone, because human beings are more and desire more: aesthetically, intellectually, athletically, ecologically, religiously. In whatever field we endeavor to transform the world—science, engineering, communications, business, the arts—we must aim at promoting sustainable, fully human development at rising levels of well-being for all and for everyone. At the end, when this transformation has reached its fullness, as Teilhard wrote, 'the presence of Christ, which has been silently accruing in things, will suddenly be revealed—like a flash of light from pole to pole.'"

F. n. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, August 30 (125)

*Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Psalms 15:2-5

James 1:17-18,21b-22,27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Monday, August 31 (431)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalms 96:1,3-5,11-13

Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 1 (432)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11

Psalms 27:1,4,13-14

Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 2 (433)

Colossians 1:1-8

Psalms 52:10-11

Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 3 (434)

Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Colossians 1:9-14

Psalms 98:2-6

Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 4 (435)

Colossians 1:15-20

Psalms 100:1-5

Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, September 5 (436)

Colossians 1:21-23

Psalms 54:3-4,6-8

Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, September 6 (128)

*Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146:7-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

Prayer List

Call 758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
The Baker Family
Patricia Barbour
Cindra Bell
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
The Brown & Santy Families
Herman Calandro
The Caligiuri Family
Shelby Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
Ed Carmichael
Marjorie Chapin
Paul Cipowski
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Jean Crowell
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Bonnie De Maris
Cecilia DeSimone
The Divisek Family
Linda Dossman
Christine Dumell
Ann Edmondson
Kathryn Ernst
David Estey
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
Kathryn Franklin
Carmen Garcia
Joan Gast
Don Gilmor
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Doris Guilfoil
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
Sue Johnston
Fred Jones
Colleen Kaup
Delores Kelnhofer
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
The Lape Family
Brandon LeBlanc
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Helen McCullough
Bob McWilliams
Linda Mendez

Carol Michael
The Leo Miller Family
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Annie Mintle
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Margie O'Connor
Luci Palmer
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
The Reynolds Family
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Maurine Shaughnessy
Elizabeth Shirzad
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegel
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Joan Stringer
Maria Surmenidis
The Treister & Cascino Families
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Ed Wesel
Marilyn Wesel
John Whitton

Deployed Military

*As a faith community let us
pray for all who serve our
country in these troubled
times. We pray especially for
those connected to our
Parish who have been
deployed:*

1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Pfc John Brandone
Capt. Gregory Day, USMC
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle,
USMC
St Sgt Joseph Duffy, USAF
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Mitchell Gentry, USMC
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Julian Torres, USMC
Corporal Jeffery Lee Wilcox,
USMC

*Thank you for your prayers for
Staff Sgt. Julian Fyffe, USMC,
who has returned home safely.*

*All-powerful God, be their constant companion and
strength in every adversity. May they experience your
faithful presence, gentle love, and compassionate healing.*

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Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website
(www.stmoside.org) for complete
calendar information.

The Week Ahead

Aug 30 Knights of Columbus
Corporate Communion

The Month Ahead

Sep 6 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Sep 9/10 Little Rock Bible Study
Begins
Sep 13 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at
8:30am Mass
Sep 13 RE.A.CH Classes start
Sep 19 Women's Guild
Hawaiian Luau
Sep 20 High School RE.A.CH
begins

The Year Ahead

Oct 2 Spirited Seniors
Hawaiian Luau
Oct 17-18 Women's Guild
Bake Sale
Oct 18 New Member Reception
Nov 8 Choral Concert:
Missa Romantica
Nov 22 Stewardship
Appreciation Reception
Dec 6 Towers of Faith
Reception

Next Year—2010

April 30 Eleventh Annual
Golf Classic
Aug 22 Second Annual
Pastor's Dinner

*Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29, 5:00pm
Dominic Vienna, Sr. ☩

Sunday, August 30, 8:30am
Glen Martinez ☩

Sunday, August 30, 10:30am
Cheryl Ormond ☩

Tuesday, September 1, 8:15am
Muffy Layden ☩

Wednesday, September 2, 8:15am
Freda Schweitzer

Wednesday, September 2, 9:30am
Mary Hannan ☩
Emeritus of Carlsbad

Thursday, September 3, 8:15am
Vance Schweitzer ☩

Friday, September 4, 8:15am
Frances Hoogestraat ☩

Saturday, September 5, 5:00pm
Frank Ludke ☩
Marianne Benjamin ☩

Sunday, September 6, 8:30am
William Ipsen, Sr. ☩

Sunday, September 6, 10:30am
Carl Bechtold ☩

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Kristen & Brian Johnson & Family
 Julie & Tim Malone
 Laura & Chad Mansell & Family

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Lucy Vienna

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers last weekend in our liturgical environment.

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Leo Miller, who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 18, at 1:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep Leo's wife Beverley and the family in your prayers.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

STM \$crip News

It's time to think about back-to-school shopping. For those new school year outfits, we carry lots of merchants that sell those new duds—Kohl's, The Gap, Old Navy, J.C. Penney, to name a few. Need school supplies? We have Wal-Mart and Staples scrip for the dorm or their first apartment; you'll find many things they'll need at Bed Bath and Beyond, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, or Wal-Mart. And don't forget, for college textbooks try *Amazon.com* or *BarnesandNoble.com*—we carry scrip for both of those, too!

Let's take the merchants up on their offer to help build our Sanctuary!

In order for St. Thomas More to benefit from your shopping at Ralphs, Food4Less, and Albertsons you must update your cards. Please stop by the scrip table to find out how, or call Theresa Goeltz at 760-453-2876.

Scrip is sold after weekend Masses and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00am in the Parish Office.

I Want to Earn STM Building Fund \$\$\$ with My...

Albertson's Card #(11 digits)

Ralph's Card—Please visit Scrip table for flyer.

☐ Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please place completed form in the collection basket or return it to the \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

Social Justice News

Continuing Support for Our New Orleans Sister Parish

Volunteer teams from STM have visited New Orleans the past three years to assist in the rebuilding efforts following Hurricane Katrina. One of our volunteers, Danny Treat, is still in New Orleans working with Catholic Charities to help residents recover from the devastation. Progress has been made in the recovery efforts, but there are many who are struggling to get back on their feet. We are continuing our support for our sister parish, St. Peter Claver (SPC), and other needy New Orleans residents by sending funds donated by generous STM parishioners. Checks are being sent to the SPC Pantry, Catholic Charities Helping Hands Program, SPC's St. Vincent de Paul Utilities Assistance Program, and SPC parishioners and seniors who are in the final stages of getting back into their homes. A donation has also been sent to the Sisters of the Holy Faith Hurricane Relief Fund. Sr. Maura, the cousin of our parishioner, Pat Wong, oversees this fund. Thanks to your generosity, we are continuing to make a difference in the lives of these people in need.

Watch the bulletins for ongoing updates!

Small Church Communities

We currently have openings in our Small Church Community Groups that meet once a week in each others' homes to discuss scripture readings and fellowship. Some groups meet in the mornings; others, in the evenings. For more information, please contact Sondra Parks at 760-598-1269.

Publicize Your Parish Event!

Would you like to publicize a Parish event to the general public? Submit a Press Release Form at least three weeks in advance of your event to have it advertised in local news publications. Press Release Forms are available:

- on the Parish website (www.stmoside.org, Contact Us, Parish Forms),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 760-727-2668 or annemarshall@sbcglobal.net.



Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!



St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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Women's Guild News

Our annual membership drive continues. All women of the Parish are cordially invited to join, and dues are still only \$5. We have a very exciting year planned, so don't miss out!



Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19, our Hawaiian luau. More details in September.

Due to Labor Day being on the first Monday, the next board meeting will be Monday, August 31, at 10:00am at Valerie Thompson's home. RSVP to 760-630-1703 if you cannot attend.

Lifeline Screening Comes to St. Thomas More in September

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on September 28. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease, and Heart Rhythm Package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your health is in your hands, so call 1-888-653-6441, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com, for more information or to pre-register.

When a Loved One Dies

Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.

Call anytime, night or day!

Our Parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

For more information, call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131.

Need Louder Sound at Mass?

Ask a hospitality minister for an assisted listening device. These units amplify the sound for those with a hearing disability. They do work better in some areas of the worship space than others, so you may need to move around to find the best reception. If you have any questions or have encountered problems with these units, please contact:

Lorraine Doering at 758-4100 x102. or lorrained@stmoside.org

Knights of Columbus News

St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 11439 will be hosting a Corporate Communion on Sunday, August 30, at the 8:30am Mass. All Knights, their ladies, and families are invited to join us. A Continental Breakfast will be held immediately after Mass in the lower level of the Parish Center.

Little Rock Scripture Study

Parables of the Kingdom, Part Two, begins on Wednesday morning, September 9, or Thursday evening, September 10, for six weeks. In *Part One*, we delved into the ways that Jesus invites listeners to experience the Kingdom of God in parables recorded by Mark and adapted by Matthew. We came to know Jesus more fully and glimpsed into the Kingdom of God. This study focuses on the parables unique to Matthew and those developed by Luke. The authors of Matthew and Luke invite us to think in new and fresh ways about the Kingdom of God. Join us. For more information, contact Masako Streling at 760-295-2594 or mstr0619@cox.net.

Do You Have a Devotion to Mary?

We are looking for volunteers who will make a monthly commitment to provide flowers to be placed before the statue of Mary on the upper level. Garden varieties are acceptable. If this is a ministry you would be committed to, please contact Sondra Parks at 760-598-1269 or sondraparks@hotmail.com.

Can't Get to Mass?

Our Parish has ministers who can bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass—the homebound, those in the hospital, those in convalescent homes.

For information, please call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.

Visits, Calls, and Cards Welcome!

Maurine Shaughnessy is currently recovering from injuries resulting from a fall during her recent travels. She is at Vista Knoll, 2000 Westwood Road, Vista, 760-630-2273.

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

For information, call Jim Treat at 760-598-3602.

Eucharistic Adoration



*Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel*

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, September 4.

*For more information, contact
the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.*

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY OF THE
22ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm

INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That our priorities
may always be Gospel priorities

Why MEN Should Sing in a Choir

10. Rehearsals are once a week. So, for those few hours, you will significantly reduce your risk of contracting tendonitis from nonstop operation of a television remote control or computer mouse.

9. Because you don't have a budget for therapy.

8. From your special vantage point in the choir, you will develop interesting new hobbies, including the guessing game: "Who's Praying, Who's Sleeping?"

7. On the other hand, sitting in full view of 400-500 people on a weekly basis makes it much less likely that you yourself will give in to lack of sleep.

6. If you think your singing in the shower sounds good now, just wait till you've been singing with us for a few weeks.

5. Singing is one of the few activities for men that does not require electronics equipment or expensive power tools...it's good for the family budget.

4. For the fitness buffs, singing in the Choir is not only heart healthy, it's soul healthy. And it's a lot easier on the knees than jogging.

3. If you think you've done everything there is to do, and there are no great challenges left in life, try singing with the guys and staying on pitch.

2. Choir rehearsal lasts half as long as a professional football game, but is at least twice as satisfying. This is especially true if you are a long-suffering fan of the San Diego Chargers. (Don't worry, though, the rehearsals are on Thursday, not Monday nights.)

AND THE NUMBER 1 REASON MEN SHOULD SING IN A CHOIR:

When people ask you whether you've been behaving yourself, you can say with the utmost sincerity, "Hey, I'm a Choir Boy."

Music Ministry Next Week

SEPTEMBER 5/6

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Cantor

Music Ministry at St. Thomas More Making a Joyful Noise!

Monday Night Mass Team

FALL START UP: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Who: Instrumentalists, grade 6+
Singers, grade 8+

When: Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm
Upper Level

Contact Joleen at 760-806-6722

Adult Praise Team

Contact Joleen at 760-806-6722

Handbell Choir

FALL START UP: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Who: Grade 9 to adult
When: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm
Upper Level Stage

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Adult Choir

FALL START UP: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Who: Grade 9 to adult
When: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm
Upper Level

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Christmas Children's Choir

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Who: Grades 2 to 8
When: Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15pm
Upper Level

For more information contact Douglas Lynn:
758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x110



Are there really religious education classes for children who are 3, 4 and 5 years old?

Yes!

Two Sundays a month, from September through May, there are classes for children ages 3, 4, and 5 on the lower level during the whole of the 10:30am Mass. There is a pre-school class and a kindergarten class.

Parents bring the child to the catechist about 10:20am, then usually go upstairs to Mass. Class lasts as long as Mass does. Parents then pick up their child at the end of Mass.



During this time, the catechists provide age appropriate activities based on the same Scripture readings being used at Mass.

The curriculum for the early years helps children discover God already present in their lives and in their homes and families. It incorporates active self-expression, discovery and inquiry, language and thinking, social relationships, music, art and prayer.

Children discover and value all life and all creation as God's gifts to us. They discover they can "make a difference" and change our world for the better. They can love and care for one another, forgive one another, and celebrate life as a small Christian community. Children intuitively respond to God's love for them because they are innately spiritual.

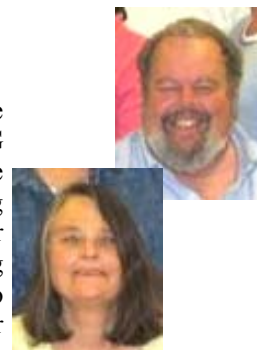
Check our handbook on the parish website for more details about the RE.A.CH program.

Registered parishioners may sign up for RE.A.CH at the Faith Formation Office. Come by soon . . . our catechists want to be ready for your child when classes begin on September 13.

With you in ministry,
Kathleen

They're Back !

Once again, Deacon Tom & Patt will be presenting **REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM** ~ a class for those adults seeking Confirmation, returning Catholics who want to brush up on their church, catechists seeking continuing education, and anyone who wants to discuss and talk about the basics of their faith.



The class runs for 12 sessions beginning September 15 and ending February 16 with a cost of \$15 for materials. To register, please contact Kathleen Bell or Deacon Tom or Patt Goeltz. This is an interactive class (i.e. discussion) broken into four pods of Faith, Sacraments, Church, and Prayer. Please join us. We look forward to sharing with you.

Adult Confirmation

Are you over the age of 18 and missed out on celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Your parish invites you to a simple program of preparation so that you can participate in Confirmation when the Bishop comes in May, 2010. (See above)

If you would like to be included, please bring or send the following to Kathleen Bell before September 10:

- ◆ Contact information
- ◆ Copy of Baptism and First Communion Certificates
- ◆ \$15 materials fee

If you have any questions or concerns, please be in touch.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	531 jars



*Shock me out of shallow living,
to deliberately commit myself
to dive deep inside this gifted day,
tasting, sensing each of its gifts.*

From *A Book of Wonders* by Ed Hays

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP *Not Optional in God's Eyes*

In the reading from the letter of St. James we are urged to be "doers" of the Gospel, not just listeners.

Being a "steward" of God's Word is a matter of listening to the Good News, embracing the Good News and putting the Good News into action in our day-to-day lives.

Whenever we are uncertain about what decisions to make or what actions to take as good Christian stewards of the Gospel, St. James reminds us: We can never go wrong if we resist popular values that are not compatible with the Gospel, and we come to the aid of those who are burdened, distressed and poor.

Our faith community is blessed with many active Christian stewards and a wide variety of ministerial opportunities from which to choose.

A couple of weeks ago, I highlighted our Finance Council and the work that they handle throughout the year. Their tireless efforts on behalf of our parish are much appreciated. Thanks to their dedication and wise decision making, we are able to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus at St. Thomas More.

Today's readings lead me to highlight our very large, active and diverse Pastoral Council. This council has been referred to as "the people in the pews" group. Basically, this means that there is something for everyone and one can find people with a wide variety of talents participating in these various ministries.

The Pastoral Council is chaired by Doug D'Agrosa, and the following fall under this umbrella: Faith Formation & Evangelization, Liturgy, Marriage & Family Life, Social Ministries and Office Support. Contact information can be found on page 10 of this bulletin each week or at: www.stmoside.org

One thing that our "people in the pews" have in common after Mass on Sunday is the joy written on their faces as they carry on the mission of Jesus through the ministries offered at STM.



James reminds us today that all of our gifts are from above. And all of our gifts are to be managed by us for the greater good. Steward means manager. God has entrusted us to manage His gifts. Opportunities to do so abound at STM and your assistance is most welcome!

Ministries come in many forms; all are good and some of which will surprise you!



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\$5,704.35

Collection for Week of: Aug. 22/23, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,004
Offertory*	\$	9,034.98
Offertory (Loose Collection)		957.00
Children's envelopes		1.50
Total	\$	9,993.48

* Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card Withdrawals,
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News from the Larger Church

Friends of Mother Antonia Fiesta Grande & Silent Auction Benefit in Carlsbad—Friday, September 11, 7:00pm, at the Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of Madre Antonia and the Servants of the 11th Hour of St. John Eudes in the Tijuana area. Tickets are \$55 per person. For more information, contact 619-228-4055.

Faith on Fire Young Adult Retreat in Julian—September 11-13 at Whispering Winds Retreat Catholic Camp and Conference Center in Julian. To register, print out the retreat flyer at www.yamsd.org and send in with a check or call Whispering Winds at 619-464-1479 x10 to use your credit card. For more information, contact cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or call 858-490-8260.

Scout Training for Adult Counselors/Coordinators in San Diego—September 12, 8:00am, at 3350 E St., San Diego. Adult training for counselors/coordinators of Catholic Cub, Boy, and Venturing Scout Religious Emblems. For more information, contact Jim Freed at 619-446-2116 or Catalina Szilvagy at 619-462-0543.

Divine Mercy Movement in San Diego—Saturday, September 19, 10:00am, Mass in St. Mary Magdalene Church, followed by free live presentation of "St. Faustina and Fr. Sopocko," refreshments, bookstore, and reports on the Divine Mercy Congress in Washington, DC, and "Divine Mercy on the Niagara." For more information, contact Joe & Carol at 619-276-6637 or www.SDdivinemeracy.org.

Carmelite Silent Retreat for Women in Alhambra—Friday, September 25-Sunday, September 27. Please consider taking this brief but blessed time out of your routine to refresh your heart and soul in a beautiful rose garden setting at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra, sponsored by the Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart. For more information, call Jan Felner of St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Auxiliary at 760-603-9103.

Octoberfest at Braille Institute in San Diego—Celebrating their new community awareness program on Friday, October 2, 11:30am-1:30pm, 4555 Executive Drive, San Diego. Food, entertainment, and fun! For more information, contact Ann Eriksson at 760-599-7151.

Natural Family Planning Teacher Training in San Diego—Classes to train Natural Family Planning teachers will be offered in October for both the Sympto-thermal method and the Ovulation method (October 29-November 1). For more information, contact Peggy at 858-490-8295.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—Fr. Edwin Tutor of St. Pius X Parish in Chula Vista invites you to join him in pilgrimage November 6-16 with Fr. Garret Edmunds, OFM (based in Jerusalem) as tour guide and escort. For more information, contact Lulu Rullan at 619-757-4200.

Marian Journey to France, Spain, and Portugal—October 6-16, 2010. Visit Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, Lisbon, and more under the spiritual direction of Rev. George Dunkley. Cost is \$3,400. For more information, contact Deacon Dennis Sullivan at 760-613-7554 or sullivan211@cox.net.

St. Francis Auctions Online Opportunity—Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego is offering *An Exclusive Day with the Golf Pros* online! This auction opportunity ends September 13. The package includes private lessons/range time, nine holes of

golf, autographed items, and lunch at the very exclusive Santaluz Club. For more information on the package, go to www.catholicauctionsonline.com or call Eileen Clifton Benjamin at 858-523-4000 x1114.

North County Solutions for Change in Vista Seeking Assistance—This program for assisting homeless families has a wish list of items that can be donated, is conducting a Tupperware party fundraiser during September, and also has monthly restaurant fundraiser nights. For more information, contact Antonea Peterson at 760-310-9845.

Diocesan Workshops in August and September—Various topics related to religious education. For details, contact www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm or 858-490-8230.

Catholic Preschool Openings in Oceanside—St. Mary, Star of the Sea Preschool would like to invite your children, ages three through pre-kindergarten, to join us for a wonderful first school experience. Please call Debbie at 760-722-7475 for more information.

St. Francis School Accepting Applications—St. Francis of Assisi Parish School is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. We have a fully licensed preschool and are an accredited kindergarten through eighth grade school. Located in Vista just off the Highway 78. For more information, contact www.sfs-vista.org or 760-630-7960.

Old Mission Montessori School Accepting Applications—Mission San Luis Rey Parish's school is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year for students from preschool through eighth grade. For more information, contact www.omms.org or 760-757-3232.

Marriage Encounter Weekends—For more information, contact broy2@san.rr.com.

Natural Family Planning Classes—For more information, contact daveandcheryl@cox.net or 619-303-5053.

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